

HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION
Minutes of Regular Meeting
March 17, 2014

approved 4/28/14

Note: due to not posting meeting agenda, there were no votes/action taken at this meeting. *mar*

Commissioners Present: Chairwoman Karen Roy Guglielmi, James Purnell, Terilyn Rogers, Bill Campbell, Michael Winkler

Commissioners Absent: Bill Fox

Staff Liaisons Present: Marina Rodriguez, VSS and Alan Slobodien, VYS

Town Council Budget Hearing

Town Council Budget Hearing for Human Services is scheduled for Saturday, 3/22/14 at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers. The agenda was forwarded to the members.

Coverage and Preparation for Hearing

Karen explained that she could not attend the Council Budget Hearing this Saturday due to a previously scheduled commitment. Teri volunteered to cover for her. The Commission listed the items to bring to the hearing including the Budget Notebook and the Spreadsheet with the Commission's and Mayor's recommendations. Karen and Teri will meet this Thursday 3/20 with Marina to review the data and prepare for the hearing. The Commission asked Marina to contact the agencies and encourage them to attend the hearing in case there are issues or detailed questions that they would need to address.

Letter to Town Council

Karen stated that she will write a letter to the Town Council members explaining the process that the Commission used to come up with the funding recommendations that are being proposed. She plans to email it to them tomorrow.

Program Effectiveness Information

Marina explained that all of the agencies responded by Friday 3/14 to the Commission's request for effectiveness data. All of the information was emailed to Commission members. Members were asked to look over the information. Bill C. referred to the Town Council resolution which created the Commission and cited that the Commission should evaluate programs for effectiveness; how well are they doing, how are the people they serve better off? The Commission discussed how best to determine program effectiveness for the different types of programs that are funded; and whether each program should define effectiveness and what performance measures to use. The Commission was not sure what the Town Council expects in this regard. Alan referred to the State of Connecticut Results Based Accountability system for State Agencies and will present information on it at the next meeting.

The next (special) meeting was scheduled for 4/28/14; the regular meeting of 4/21/14 to be cancelled.

Submitted by

Marina Rodriguez

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